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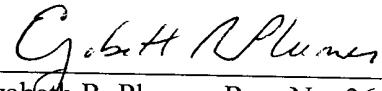
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1997, prior to filing. These lines of text were added to the parent application by Amendment dated September 23, 1998, appeared in the grandparent application U.S. serial no. 08/671,756, filed June 28, 1996, and, therefore, do not represent new matter. Copies of Pages 47 and 48 from U.S. serial no. 08/671,756 are attached to this Amendment to facilitate the Examiner's review of this Preliminary Amendment. In view of the foregoing explanation, Applicants respectfully request that these two lines of text be inserted at the bottom of Page 48. A substitute Page 48 is included for this purpose.

Sequence Listing

An original sequence listing (computer readable form and hard copy) is submitted herewith. Applicants also submit herewith the statement pursuant to 37 CFR §1.821(f) which states that the paper copy and computer readable diskette forms of the sequence listing contain the identical information and contain no new matter. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the sequence listing into the application on the page immediately preceding the claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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